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With reference to EUCOM proposal that Exercise LONG THRUST should be mounted about the middle of October, I now feel that we should place this project on a somewhat different basis. It is impossible to consider this exercise in any context except that created by the current status of the Berlin situation. At this time no one is wise enough to have a good opinion as to whether the movement of these battle groups to Europe in mid-October would be desirable, would be merely acceptable, or would be most undesirable. For this reason, I propose that planning for LONG THRUST should continue, but no fixed date established for its execution;

Plans should permit us to carry out the exercise within 10 to 14 days from the time of decision. The availability of the battle groups and our

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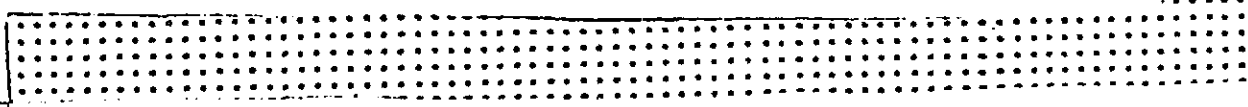
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capability to accept them should offer no problems. The limiting factor as far as time is concerned is the availability of air transport, but it would certainly appear that arrangements could be made to meet this need



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